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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: STATUS OF ATEFEH GORGIN

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ASKED BY ROBERT L. BERNSTEIN, CHAIRMAN OF RANDOM HOUSE, ABOUT GORGIN'S STATUS. SPECIFICALLY HE WANTS TO KNOW ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY COMMITTEE FOR ARTISTIC AND INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM IN IRAN: IS GORGIN ALIVE; DID SHE DIE UNDER TORTURE; IF ALIVE, WILL GOI ALLOW HER TO APPEAR BEFORE INTERNATIONAL PRESS? WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FACTS ABOUT HER STATUS YOU CAN GIVE US.

2. ACCORDING TO ABOVE COMMITTEE (REZA BARAHENI IS HONORARY CO-CHAIRPERSON), GORGIN IS WIDOW OF KHOSROW GOLESORKHI WHO WAS KILLED BEFORE FIRING SQUAD IN 1974. A BRITISH PUBLICATION REPORTED SHE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON LAST YEAR, BUT OTHER REPORTS CLAIM SHE IS DEAD OR HAS DISAPPEARED.

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